

# AMERICANS AND FRENCH HOLD BIG BATTLE LINE AGAINST THE ENEMY

(By Associated Press.)

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 15.—American and French troops for several days back have been holding in unison the front line trenches on one of the most famous battlefields of the war, the name of which is known throughout the world. The immediate impression gained in conversation with both French and Americans facing the enemy side by side is that the union is not only of fighting forces, but of firm purpose to win victory by mutual aid.

"There is only one criticism to be made in connection with the Americans," said a distinguished French officer to the correspondent who spent an entire day among the Americans holding the line. "They are too anxious to get at grips with the enemy."

American officers confirmed this, declaring that their chief trouble was to restrain their men.

It is inadvisable to designate the units confronting the Germans, but all the men are bending to their task and they are anxious to have the people at home know that they are well satisfied and determined to perform to their utmost their duties. "Tell the home folks that we are happy to be in the fighting. The work is hard and trying, but that is why we are here. Nothing could induce us to leave it until the job is finished and the Germans are beaten."

Such, in substance, are the expressions of dozens of the American troops now "carrying on" in the actual fighting line. As to the health of the men, today's record showed that there were only three sick among the entire force, comprising several thousands, and these are cases of minor importance. Every care is taken to provide ample rations, hot when possible, which, however, is not always owing to the exposed position. The men are fully content with this, and certainly appear fit and well. They have taken to trench and dugout life as if born to it.

The correspondent, in approaching the center, passed again over ground which had been the scene of many fearful battles in the last year. Wild vegetation hides some of the wounds which have been inflicted on the earth, but ruined villages, disfigured roads and enormous pit-like holes still testify graphically to the violence of the long drawn out struggle which resulted in driving the Germans back.

In the American fighting zone were to be seen khaki-clad working parties and messengers intermingled

with French soldiers in blue uniforms. The Americans were busily occupied immediately near the fighting line in creating and improving the wire entanglements and the trench systems.

It was a thrilling experience for the patrol. A certain number of men set out from the American position in the hope of encountering a number of enemy at a point in the German trenches. They had succeeded in getting through the first line and had crawled on until the second line was reached. When they were just about to start under the second line there was a bluish glow, and, turning around, they saw long, livid sparks playing through the barbed wire of the first line. The enemy had turned on a powerful electric current.

The patrols quickly flattened out on the ground, thinking they had been discovered and expecting to hear momentarily machine gun bullets go singing overhead. Nothing of the kind happened, however. Ap-

parently the Germans merely turned on the current by chance, hoping that if any Americans were within the entanglement they would be killed on the wire or while trying to get out. The patrol returned safely to the American lines.

The Germans, apparently having discovered the meaning of some of the American rocket signals, last night caused the Americans for a considerable distance along the front to prepare for a gas attack. At first the Germans sent into the air a rocket of a certain color which is the American signal for gas attacks, but the hoax was discovered soon after the troops adjusted their gas masks.

The Germans next sent up a rocket calling for barrage by the Americans, but the American officers on observation duty in an advanced post, seeing whence the rocket came, sent messages to the artillery in time to prevent it from laying down the needless shell fire.

## NEVADA INDUSTRIES IN BRIEF REPORT

The Industrial News Bureau of San Francisco, maintained by "The Manufacturer," a monthly publication, is issuing weekly letters and circulating them world-wide showing what the Pacific coast is doing. Nevada is receiving special attention, and from the papers of the state, which a corps of writers is employed to scan, many important pieces of news are secured. Bunched together, as here reproduced, they indicate that Nevada is making great progress in an industrial way and form interesting reading:

Las Vegas Age says a railroad will be built to manganese mines.

McGill—Nevada Consolidated January output 6,500,000 pounds of copper, as against the same quantity in December.

Nevada shipped out 716 carloads of livestock in January.

Good Springs—Yellow Pine Mining company net receipts for 1914 were \$666,256, handling 20,640,427 pounds of ore. Operating disbursements were \$248,575.

In the opinion of many state newspapers, there is no necessity for calling a special session, at an expense of probably \$25,000, for the purpose of equalizing war assessments, or for any other important purpose.

Tonopah—Oil fever, over discoveries at Ash Meadows, 100 miles from here.

Copperfield—Nixon-Nevada recently

acquired twelve more claims in valuable vein.

Luning—Work to begin on Ironsides copper mine; also grounds open for leases.

Rand District—Developments being made rapidly; ore being shipped. Rochester mines making excellent showing in ore; look for record year.

St. Anthony mine furnishing mill ore; has thirty-two men employed.

Amarogosa valley electrical plant established; work in quarries started; sixty days also payroll was unknown to this district.

Eastgate—Oil shale discovered in large bodies.

Elko—Bullion Smelter company has incorporated; construction work begins soon.

Wells—Monarch Consolidated company incorporated with capital stock of \$10,000.

Virginia—Comstock mines week's output \$23,000 worth of bullion.

Nevada figures show great industry in livestock; same valued at \$20,145,221.

Lovelock—Fifty-four carloads of Prince ore shipped to smelter, rate of 400 tons daily.

Candelaria mines again shipping sixty tons per day; about seventy men working.

Reno—Western Pacific railroad remodeling shops and roundhouse.

Yerington—A bee hive of industry; mining activity everywhere.

Good Springs—High grade copper ore struck; developments and shipping going on.

Rhyolite—Sinking has been resumed by Sunset company, main shaft to continue 100 feet.

Phosphate bed of 10,000,000 tons on Southern Pacific main line to be mined. Men at work on roads and buildings.

Yerington—Smith's valley canal.

# PRESIDENT WILSON SENDS REBUKE TO PRESIDENT OF LABOR UNIONS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—President Wilson took a hand last night in the eastern shipyard labor strikes and issued a sharp rebuke to William L. Hutchison, president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who, after refusing to send striking ship carpenters back to work pending action by the shipbuilding labor adjustment board, had asked for a personal conference to lay the situation before the president.

In effect the president declared that if Hutchison did not want to give aid and comfort to the enemy he would send the men to work and leave a settlement of differences to the adjustment board, and declined

to see him until he had done so.

The fact that other union heads are refusing to support Hutchison's position and that they fear his attitude may put labor generally in a false light encourages shipping board officials to believe that the carpenters who are out in the New York district and at Baltimore will return to work even if Hutchison does not direct them to do so. Carpenters' locals in other districts already are dealing direct with the adjustment board and those at Baltimore have been given the privilege of acceptance of the new Delaware river wage award announced Saturday night, which granted a substantial increase in wages.

All other trades in the New York district except the carpenters have agreed to leave a settlement of their claims to the adjustment board and their demands will be taken up within the next week.

In reproving Hutchison for declining arbitration of differences with shipyard managements President Wilson, it was declared, has the whole-hearted support of a majority of the heads of American labor unions. Union heads, it is declared on authority, are as eager as are government officials to arrive at some arrangement whereby differences may be adjusted before strikes take place.

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# DURING THIS WEEK WAR MEASURES HOLD RIGHT OF WAY IN CONGRESS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Urgent war measures—the administration railroad legislation, the war finance corporation measure and the billion dollar urgent deficiency appropriation bill—have the right of way in congress this week.

A hull in the controversy over war efficiency is in prospect while congress devotes itself to the legislation desired at once by the government and also while further strategic moves are made with respect to

bill for reorganization of war-making machinery.

Disposal during the week of the railroad bill, to govern operation of the carriers while under federal control, is planned in the senate.

In the house the billion dollar deficiency bill and the daylight saving measure are to be acted upon.

Then the railroad measure will be brought up, and within a fortnight capital leaders hope to have an agreement reached in conference and the bill sent to the president.

Prompt senate passage of the administration bill creating a war finance corporation to supervise security issues is expected at once the railroad legislation is out of the way.

The American people, beginning this spring, probably will be required by law to turn their timepieces an hour forward in the daylight saving movement. Favorable action on the pending bill is expected in the house this week and the senate already has passed a similar bill.

## LOYALTY SHOWN BY INCOME TAX PAYERS

### MAJORITY SENDING CHECKS WITH STATEMENT GIVING UP INTEREST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 15.—Records of the income tax division of the First internal revenue district of California and Nevada reveal that fully 75 per cent of the citizens affected by income features of the war revenue act are manifesting their loyalty and consideration for the

United States government in the present stress of war by accompanying their income statements with checks and cash, according to Collector Justus S. Wardell.

Income taxpayers appear to be inclined not only to pay their tax at the same time they file their return, but are generally waiving their right to claim a deduction on account of interest at the rate of 3 per cent from the date of payment to June 15. This is said to be true even in cases where the income tax calls for large returns to the government.

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## WOMAN SEAPLANE PILOT.

(By Associated Press.)

ATHENS, Feb. 15.—The Greek admiralty has authorized the employment of a woman seaplane pilot. Miss Demise Kallimeri, who is the daughter of one of the government airplane engineers, will henceforth be in that service.

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